Dead and Dying.

CAPTURE OF BRITISH GUNS

PRETORIA, Sunday, December 17 .- An efficial account of the Boer casualties at the battle of Tugela river says thirty men

Gen. Schalkburger's report of the battle, dispatched from the head laager December

Friday at dawn the day long expected arrived. The Pretoria detachment of artillery gave the alarm. Gen. Buller's Ladysmith relief column was in battle array. advancing on the Boer positions, close to the Tugela and Colenso. The center consisted of an immense crowd of infantry flanked on each side by two batteries, with strong bodies of cavalry supporting. The artillery preserved absolute silence, not disclosing its position. Two batteries came within rifle distance of our foremost position, and the Boers then opened fire

position, and the boers their opened are with deadly effect. Our artillery also com-pienced and apparently absolutely confused the enemy, who were allowed to think the bridge was open for them to cross. Their right flank, in the meantime, at-Their right flank, in the meantime, atacked the Boers' southernmost position,
out the Mauser ride fire was so tremendous
hat they were rolled back like a spent
cave, leaving ridges and ridges of dead
and dying humanity behind. Again the
fritish advanced to the attack, but again
cell back, swelling the heaps of dead.
Their cavalry charged to the river, where
the Ermolo commando commenced such a

essayed to bring horses to remove them. The first time they succeeded in hitching on to one cannon, and on the second trial the horses and men fell in a heap.

#### British in Full Retreat. Then the British were in full retreat to

their camp, whence they sent a heavy shrapnel fire on Bulwer bridge, across the Tugela, to prevent the burghers from recovering the cannon. The French attache, Villebois, and the

German attache, Braun, say the fight could not have been improved upon by the armies of Europe. Gens Botha and Trichart were always at the most dangerous points of

Eleven ambulances removed the English ad and wounded

Eleven ambulances removed the English dead and wounded.

Such a tremendous cannonade has seldom been heard. The veidt for miles was govered with dead and wounded. It was a most crushing British defeat. Nine of the cannon have since been brought across the river.

The British asked for and were granted a twenty-four hours' armistice.

#### Winston Churchill's Escape.

The government is much concerned abou the escape of Winston Churchill and the officials are doing their utmost to discover how he got away. The officials have incriminating papers. The Volkstem asserts that he escaped disguised as a woman. The last book Churchill borrowed from the li-brary was "Mills on Liberty." The official report of the gold output for November shows the amount to be 61,788

ounces.

Over 500 British prisoners captured at the battle of Stormberg have arrived here. They have been taken to Waterfall to join the other prisoners.

THROWN UNDER CAR WHEELS.

#### Mysterious Assault on a Detective Agency Employe.

CHICAGO, December 25.-John Gillies who is connected with a private detective agency, is at the county hospital, probably fatally hurt. According to the story he viaduct by two men vesterday and nearly ming train on the Grand Trunk railway, his jaw was fractured, his cheek lacerand his body bruised. The police think Gillies refuses to tell all he knows

When he was picked up he narrated a rambling story in which he spoke of having been thrown in front of the engine by two men whom he knew, but whose names he could not recall. He also frequently used the word "enmity."

Later, when he had come out from the operated upon him, he said the men had been following him several days. With been following him several days. With full consciousness restored, however, he refused to discuss the cause, and the police are at a loss to know the purport of his rambling statements. Gillies denied his assallants were robbers, as he says no attempt was made to rob him of his valuables.

## Coal Sent to Southern Europe.

PHILADELPHIA, December 25.-Th Italian steamship Venus, Capt. Trapani, arrived yesterday from Ancona in ballast to load upward of 5,000 tons of coal for Genoa. This will be the third shipment of this kind within the period of a month. It is stated that 50,000 tons of coal will

ipped from here to Italy for use on the railroads.

American coal is also being exported to

# French Mediterranean ports, and the Brit-ish steamship inca will soon begin loading 4,000 tons at Newport News for Marseilles.

#### LEFT TRACK AT CURVE. Bad Wreck Caused by the Breaking

LOS ANGELES, Cal., December 25 .- A

special to the Times from Pomona says: A broken wheel on the engine of the local train from Los Angeles which was due to arrive in Pomona at 6:48 last night caused a bad wreck. One person was killed and four badly injured and six or eight are suffering from serious wounds. The train was turning a curve near Po-

nona, when a wheel under the engine broke and the latter left the track, followed by the combination baggage and smoking car. The coach was overturned and caught fire but the flames were quickly extinguished. An unknown man was removed from the wreck dead. D. Johnson, engineer, v. badly injured. Milton Monroe, the firem was injured internally. Wm. Scott of San Bernardino was badly cut about the face and was hurt in the chest. Two other men, yet unidentified, suffered contusions and are unconscious, while other are scratched and broked.

Each Employe Given Five Dollars, CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 25 .- Every mploye of the American Express Company throughout the country today received check for \$5 as a Christmas gift from the company. A circular accompanying the checks states that the gift is made for faithfulness in the performance of duty. As the company operates between Maine and Oregon, there are several thousand employes. It is estimated that the aggregate sum of the gift will reach \$60,000 or \$70,000

#### Order of Knights of Zion CHICAGO, December 25.-Delegates of

the Order of Knights of Zion have opened a three days' convention here. The society is the only fraternal organization of Jews in this country that has branches through Europe. Important changes in the by-laws and constitution will be made. The most im portant work before the delegates, how-ever, is to elect new officers for the Su-preme Lodge and to put the organization on a more substantial basis. The election of officers will be held Tuesday.

Congressmen who are urging the passage of a subsidy bill in aid of the American merchant marine are very much interested in the figures published by the bureau of statistics showing the prosperous condition of the American export trade. The year which is now drawing to a close has tics of the volume of export business.

It is apparent to those who are following the subject, however, that the future holds out promises of still greater prosperity for American manufacturer and the farmer. The several commercial treaties which have been concluded and which are one pending; the prespect of an extension of trade relations in the West Indies, through our recent acquisitions there; the certainty of a wast increase of business in the Philippines all make to the same end.

The Chinese Trade. Added to this is the reasonable surety of the United States of securing a portion of the Chinese trade which is to follow the opening up of territory in that country and the division of its commerce among the nations of the earth. It is believed that within the next decade the export trade with China and Japan will reach a figure which cannot even be estimated at this

time.

There are now pending in the Senate, awaiting ratification, several reciprocity treaties arranged during the past summer by Mr. John A. Kasson, the reciprocity commissioner appointed by President Mc-Kinley under authority granted by the Dingley tariff act. The most important is the treaty with France.

#### Treaty With France.

This treaty names between 700 and 800 articles of American manufacture or produce which are to be admitted into France at a reduced rate of duty from the duties which now apply. In many cases, the French tariff is so high as to practically prohibit some of the classes of goods made in this country. With the reduction pro-posed by the treaty, the American manu-facturer would have an equal opportunity with others, and taking into account the superior facilities of American machinery, and the skill of the mechanics, it is fair to assume that the American goods may ventually dominate the market.

It is claimed in behalf of the treaty, from the American viewpoint, that it will admit into France not only staple articles, now in demand, but other articles which, although not so much in use now, will come into more general use, and that in this way the American trade will be extended along lines where it is now weak.

#### Argument for a Subsidy Bill.

The certainty of the rapid and valuable extension of American trade with foreign countries is being utilized by the advocates of the subsidy bill as an argument in favor of its passage. They say that this volume of traffic should be transported in American vessels, employing American crews and sailing under the Stars and

is pointed out that foreign ship own-It is pointed out that foreign ship owners are even now preparing to take advantage of the great movement of freight from these shores in the next few years, and that the tramp freight steamships of all nations, now lying idle in dock, will be rehabilitated and sent westward across the Atlantic to skim the cream of the traffic, unless the Americans forestall them by supplying a merchant marine of their own.

#### VISITED CAPT. CARTER.

But Capt. Rees Promised Not to Do So

Capt. Thomas H. Rees, corps of engineers has been called to account by the officials of the War Department for a violation of the Articles of War which makes it "scandalous conduct" for an army officer to asstead of these there was a brilliant show of exploding electric balls. sociate with one dismissed from the service for fraud. It seems that, in ignorance of this regulation, Capt. Rees paid several visits to O. M. Carter, late of the army in his cell on Governor's Island. It is said that his visits were made at the request of Carter or his attorneys, but had nothing to carter or his attorneys, but had nothing to do with the Carter court-martial. Maj. Roberts, 2d Artillery, stationed at Gover-nor's Island, reported Capt. Rees' conduct to Gen. Merritt, commanding the depart-ment of the east, and the matter was re-ferred to the War Department for action. Being called on for an explanation of his conduct. Capt. Rees stated that he had request and had had no business dealings with him. He assured the department that ne would have no further relations with ment, Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, reommended that no proceedings be taken, and that the matter be allowed to drop,

#### and his recommendation was adopted. PLEA FOR OKLAHOMA.

# Its Admission to Statehood Will Be Urged on Congress.

The admission of Oklahoma as a state of he Union will be urged upon the present Congress, and those who are interested in the territory are hopeful that they will succeed in having its claims to statehood rec ognized. When the question comes up for onsideration it will be urged that Okla ioma, so recently the scene of a grand homesteads on the part tlers, has every requisite for the honor to which its people aspire. It will be urged that the territory has an area equal to that of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachu-setts, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Delaware combined, and that in all the arts of civilization it is capable of taking its place alongside of any other state, wi prospect for a continued rapid adva-ment. It will be claimed that the asp from the first state of the second state of the second sec

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Project to Establish a Station to Train Naval Officers.

It is said that Secretary Long is conidering the advisability of asking Congress to make a special appropriation to equip the naval service with the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, and establish a station to train officers in the use of the system

An appropriation of \$20,000 is desired. Of this sum, \$10,000 would be sufficient for the first payment on twenty sets, and \$10. 000 would have to be paid for their use during the first year. Each succeeding year the department would have to pay \$10,000 to the Marconi company. These sums would not only entitle the navy to use the present instruments of Marconi's In-

\$10,000 to the Marconi company. These sums would not only entitle the navy to use the present instruments of Marconi's invention, but to any improvements he may make in the future.

The Secretary, appreciating that the training of officers is only preliminary to the installation of the system on various ships where it will be of practical value, is desirous of having only the latest instruments installed.

#### SAD CHRISTMAS AT BRAZNELT Efforts to Recover the Buried Miner

Doggedly Kept Up.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., December 25,-

Work at Braznell mines is progressing very lowly. The country roads from Brown ville to the mine are almost impassable and there is no telegraph or telephone connection with Branzell, so all news from the mine has to be brought overland. Four more bodies have been removed, but not identified. Some of the families of the doomed men are in suffering condition, and provisions are being sent out by the Brownsville merchants, as well as from

Uniontown.

The men who have been working since Saturday to recover the bodies are almost

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exhausted, yet they refuse to give up and keep at the grim work doggedly, though more dead than alive. The fact that last Saturday was pay day at the mine and that there were no empty wagons to load accounts for many not going to to the mine that morning. Had the accident occurred any other day there would have been more than a hundred men in the mine and the result would have been more appalling than it is.

The Scenes about the morgue yesterday and last night were such as to bring tears to many a stout heart. As the burned and bleeding bodies were carried from the shaft, wives and children would fight frantically to get to the corpses, and when held back by strong arms would weep pitifully and plead to be allowed to enter the more recorded. fully and plead to be allowed to enter the morgue and find their lost ones. It is an occurrence that can never be forgotten by any who witnessed it. been removed to their homes and will

be buried today.

A pathetic story is told of little Albert Meese, who died after being rescued. He lived only a few steps from the shaft. He went to the window Saturday and looked out, saying to his father: "Papa, I guess there is no use of me going to work this morning, as there is no loadening."

The father said he had better go and help him feed the mules. They both started out together and both lost their lives.

lives.

Sad, sad is the Christmas day to many a family about Braznell. In fact, the excitement caused by the terrible accident has driven all thought of the holiday feativities from the homes of all who live in the neighborhood, even those who have no friends killed.

# SAVED FROM THE ARIOSTO.

List of Survivors Sent From Hat-

CAPE HENRY, Va., December 25 .- The weather bureau official at Hatteras furnishes the following list of those saved from the wreck of the steamship Ariosto Captain Baines, Warren Reed, Pettoner, Anderson, Seline, Helsing, Pettersen and Henroth. The Merritt & Chapman wreck-ing steamer Rescue passed out of the capes last night on her way to the Arlosto.

Dr. W. S. Pritchett, superintendent coast recdetic survey, in referring today to the loss of the crew of the British streams ship Ariosto, which went ashore on Hat ship Ariosto, which went ashore that foreign ship Ariosto, which went ashore on Hatteras, referred to the fact that foreign ships coming constantly to the ports of the United States often fail to avail themselves of the information prepared by the United States government and furnished at such slight cost, and this notwithstanding the fact that agencies for the sale of charts, tide tables and other nautical publications are maintained in European ports. Had the crew of the Ariosto followed the directions given in the various government publications and remained on board their vessel, the entire crew would have been saved. This direction is not only printed by the life-saving service, but in the tide tables and other publications of the coast survey, intended for the use of mariners. The following warning is printed in italics at the beginning of the description of life-saving stations:

"Masters are particularly cautioned if

Masters are particularly cautioned if "Masters are particularly cautioned, if they are driven ashore anywhere in the neighborhood of the stations, especially on any of the sandy coasts where there is not much danger of vessels breaking up immediately, to remain on board until assistance arrives, and under no circumstances should they attempt to land through the surf in their own boats until the last hope of assistance from the shore has vanished."

this disaster serves the purpose of calling the attention of foreign ship owners to the need of furnishing their captains with accurate information it will have served at some purpose.

#### BRILLIANT METEORIC DISPLAY. Electrical Exhibition at Sea Seen by

the Grossmont's Crew.
PHILADELPHIA, December 25.-Capt. Fleetham and the crew of the British steamship Grossmont, which is now lying at the Delaware breakwater, after a successful run from Java, witnessed a splendid meteoric display on December 9, when the vessel was in latitude 33.14 and longitude 32.51. A brilliant meteor was sighted in the heavens toward the southwest. It ascended to an altitude of ten degrees, where it remained an instant, and then shot away in a northerly direction, followed closely by a dozen other meteors of the brilliancy of the planet Venus. A peculiar part of the display was the non-appearance of the fiery tails usually seen with meteors. Instead of these there was a brilliant show

## SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

Arrest of a Man in San Francisco Who is Wanted in Pennsylvania.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.-The man believed to be H. J. Hannan, who has been arrested in this city, at the request of the chief of police of Pittsburg, Pa., is wanted in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, thirty-one miles east of Pittsburg, charged with the killing of his former partner, John Craig, a member of a prominent Johnstown family, during the Westmore

land county centennial celebration.

The Pittsburg police officials have wired to Chief Lees to hold the prisoner until an officer arrives here to take him back to Pennsylvania for trial. The accused man says he is a plumber and denies all knowledge of the alleged crime.

## LABOR FIGHT IN PITTSBURG.

Printers Will Oppose the Publishers and the Machinists' Union. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., December 25,-

President S. G. Donnelly and Secretary Sramwood of the International Typographcal Union, today returned from a meeting of the executive council of the union in Pittsburg. We found that the Pittsburg publishers

refused to meet with us or in anyway recognize our council. Said President Don-

"We have as a result 'ratted' the Inter-national Association of Machinists, and will have nothing more to do with them either through arbitration or in any other fight in Pittsburg will be fought to a

## DISTRIBUTED ABOUT \$5,000.

Employes of the Little Consolidated in Cleveland Rewarded. CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 25 .- The

Cieveland City Railway Company, known locally as the "Little Consolidated." of which Senator Hanna is president, has distributed nearly \$5,000 among its employes in Christmas gifts. Between eight and nine hundred men employed on electric and cable lines received \$5 each.

The Little Consolidated men refused to quit work during the great street railway strike in this city last summer on the Big Consolidated lines. As a result the former recognition of the loyalty of its employes lecided to distribute the amount among them.

#### Shot and Killed His Assailant. FRANKFORT, Ky., December 25.-Willie

Kehr, a young drug clerk, last night shot and killed Samuel Sanders, jr., a well-known young man. Sanders had attempted to shoot Kehr, but the latter pulled the pis-tol out of Sanders' hand and shot him twice killing him almost instantly. Sanders highly connected.

#### Canton Street Car Line Crippled. CANTON, Ohio, December \* 25.-Fire

started in an electric heater in one of the Canton-Massillon cars last night after all the cars had been run into the barn. Service on Canton streets is on half time on the main lines today, and all other lines are abandoned. The inter-urban service will be maintained. The loss is \$50,000, cov-

## The Right Shot Effective.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., December 25,-Peter J. Holbert, an electrician of this city shot his wife and then turned the weapon on himself, inflicting wounds from which he died. Mrs. Hölbert will recover. Maxwell to Be Extradited.

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Observance of the Day at Various Local Institutions.

ILLUSTRATIONS IN-SONG AND STORY

Feast of Good Things Part of Each Program.

EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

St. James in his palace and St. Giles

his hovel and the great predominating clasand see the beams of the holy light that fell into the lowly stable at Bethleher and made the manger radiant. With vary ing sentiment the glory is regarded, be cause hearts and human aspirations are ever different from each other; but there is no soul so poor or so stricken that it cannot feel in some way the influence of Christmas. Those sad and pitiable unfor tunates who people the institutions which the charity that Jesus taught has brough into existence are enjoying, as far as they may, the gladness of the Savior's nats day, and in the various homes and asylums refuges and hospitals in the District, the anniversary is being observed with appropriate celebrations.

#### Hospital for the Insane.

Christmas at the Government Hospital for the Insane means a season of good heer extending clear through the holiday tions are arranged in all the buildings gifts are made to the inmates, holidays granted them whenever possible, special fare provided and in a general way many acts looking to the cheering of the lives of those within the hospital are performed by the asylum authorities. All this is in accordance with a custom since the foundation of the institution. As the opening day of this season, therefore, today was observed at the hospital in the usual spirit. For several days past a number of the employes, both male and female, has been engaged in sorting through great loads of Christmas greenery, comprising the redberried holly, crowfoot, cedar and ivy, and in making it into graceful festoons, wreaths and other forms for decorative purposes. Some of the patients have assisted in this work. As a result in all the wards, dining halls, sitting rooms and, in fact, throughout all the buildings that go to make up the hospital the Christmas evergreens appear in tasteful forms. Those decorations will remain in blace until after the New Year season. A holiday was granted at the institution today for every person connected with it excepting the force of help required to get ready and serve the great midday Christmas repast.

This morning early preparations for the difiner were in progress at the hospital's gifts are made to the inmates, holiday

This morning early preparations for the dinner were in progress at the hospital's big central kitchens. The odors of roasting turkeys and baking mince pies filled the all in the vicinity. When all was ready th great meal was sent out to the various dir ng rooms.

Some of the things the house steward in

Some of the things the house steward included in the Christmas menu for the hospital today were, first, turkeys, 3,000 pounds having been purchased that no one might be overlooked; five barrels of cranberries, which were made into sauce; 2,200 bunches of celery and 600 mince pies and nine barrels of cider to go with them.

The dinner was served between noon and 1 o'clock p.m. The patients are in the ward dining rooms and in the new dining hall, several hundred male immates dining in the latter place. For supper this evening there will be a varied fare, including as above, and as special dessert, a large supply of home-made fruit cake. Each patient will also receive this evening candy and nuts in a small box inscribed with the compliments of the season from St. Elizabeth's.

German Orphan Asylum.

#### German Orphan Asylum.

The Santa Claus Club, which has for sev ral years past taken an interest at Christmas in the manner in which the children at the German Orphan Asylum, on Good Hope road, Anacostia, spend the season, did not forget to send persons to the institution forget to send persons to the institution this morning to dispense a number of pressents. Superintendent Ermold had the smaller children write letters to Santa Claus telling him of their wants, and as far as possible the members of the club saw that the wishes of the children were granted. Yesterday afternoon some of the children's parents visited the asylum and distributed Christmas gifts. Today the children were treated to a generous dinner, but their real Christmas entertainment and dinner, with the distribution of presents, will be held later on.

## Boys' Reform School.

The 225 inmates of the Boys' Reform participated yesterday afternoon in services commemorative of the great Christmas holiday, and today they enjoyed a most tempting dinner, games and sports closing the day with an entertainment designed for their special pleasure.

The exercises yesterday afternoon wer held in the chapel of the institution, where religious services are held every Sund afternoon. The boys are led in singing these services by Mr. Frank Wilson, who these services by Mr. Frank Wilson, whose daughter, Mrs. Fred Cook, presides at the organ. Mr. Wilson and his daughter as sisted the boys yesterday. A most interesting and pieasant program had been prepared by Mr. Geo. A. Shallenberger, the superintendent of the school, and after the Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Power of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church had invoked the Divine blessing. Mr. Shallenberger briefly addressed the boys, wishing them a very merry Christmas. Dr. Power also made an address, telling the boys the story of the wise men, who followed the star pointing the way to where the Christ child lay in the manger; explaining how astronomy sprang from religion, and how Christ came into the world and lived among the people as one of them.

ame into the works and people as one of them.
The company were led in responsive Scripture reading by Mr. Shallenberger, and of the board of the boa The company were led in responsive Scripture reading by Mr. Shallenberger, and Col. Cecil Clay, president of the board of trustees of the school, read them a selection from "The Celestial City." The singing of the inmates is always most enjoyable, and never before, perhaps, did their strong, well-trained voices appear to better advantage than they did yesterday, as they sang the music appropriate to the day and season. With Col. Clay on the platform were also Dr. Wm. S. Thompson and Messrs. Wm. N. Shuster, Henry F. Blount and Samuel W. Curriden of the beard of trustees.

## No Study Today.

Today the boys were released from study and labor, and devoted themselves wholly to the enjoyment of such games and sport s youngsters most delight in. Of course bountifully supplied Christmas' dinne table formed a feature of the day, and this evening there will be an entertainment

provided for them in the chapel.

The wife and daughter of Superintendent Shallenberger have dressed a great Christmas tree, including thereon a present for each lambe, and have also a present for each lambe, and have also a present for each lambe, and have also as the control of the contro ach inmate, and have also prettily derated the chapel. Among those who will entertain the boys this evening is Mr. Milon Clark, who will amuse them by his whistling and imitations. Girls' Reform School-Hospitals.

A tempting Christmas dinner was served to the twenty-one colored inmates of the girls' reform school at 3 o'clock this after noon, the day being celebrated in release from study and labor and in the reception by the girls of their relatives and friends The regular Christmas entertainment will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoor when, in additions to the girls now at the school, there will be twelve who have been placed out in service. A tree, prettily dress-ed and filled with presents for all the girls, will be a feature of tomorrow's entertain-

ment.
The 117 children at the Washington City Orphan Asylum were served with an ex-cellent dinner today, and this evening at 7 o'clock there will be an entertainment, at which music will be rendered by an orat which music will be an entertainment, at which music will be rendered by an orchestra and mandolin club. At this entertainment there will also be singing by the children. A Christmas tree, of course, was provided for the little ones today, each child receiving one or more presents.

When the fifty-six patients at the Children's Hospital awoke this morning each one of them found awaiting it a well-filled stocking, and this afternoon the poor little unfortunates enjoyed a delightful dinner, in which turkey and ice cream were most enjoyable features. All these delightful The State Department has issued papers for the extradition of the sailor Maxwell who is now held at St. Johns, N. S., on a charge of murder on the high seas.

things were furnished by the board of visitors, and each child received toys and gifts from a great tree. In addition to the fifty-six children mentioned, there are six babies at the hospital of too tender an age to appreciate the day.

#### Other Institutions. At the District jail Christmas was ob

served, but not by any special bill of fare. Warden Harris permitted every prisoner, however, to receive such delicacies as might be brought by friends or relatives. This rule resulted in about every one of This rule resulted in about every one or the 319 prisoners being remembered. The inmates of this prison are not required to labor, except in few instances, when men are employed in the kitchen. The regular bill of fare, consisting of well-cooked and substantial food, was served, and, with the exception that many prisoners were visited by relatives or friends, the day passed as about all others are passed at this institu-tion. At roll call this morning there were 319 prisoner, 66 being white males and 200 colored males. Of the 44 females, 40 were colored.

At the District workhouse, where all prisoners are required to labor, the day was observed by all, work, save that of an absolutely necessary character, being omitted by the 259 prisoners in Superintendent Stoutenburgh's charge. An extra bill of Stoutenburgh's charge. An extra bill of fare was served at dinner, which was also done at the almshouse, where there were this morning 221 inmates. The eighty-six patients at the Asylum Hospital were also given extra delicacies.

#### MUST APPLY TO ROME.

Bishops Barred From Permitting Mixed Marriages for a Year.

A recent papal decree deprives the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church of the power to issue dispensations permitting the marriage of Roman Catholics with persons of other denominations during the year of 1900. At the expiration of the twelve months it will be resumed.

Mixed marriages are not forbidden alto maxed marriages are not forbidden altogether by the decree, but it is stated that application for such privilege will be entertained only at Rome.

The pope intimates in the document that the object of the withdrawal of such dispensations is to induce members of the church to turn their thoughts more often to the head of the church.

## HOW ARTILLERY IS AIMED.

The Art Explained Apropos of News Now Arriving From Africa. rem the London News

I notice in many reports from the seat of war that it is mentioned that from the ar-tillery the first shot fell short, the second went over, but that after that the firing eemed to become deadly. This may perhaps be read by many as meaning that the first two shots were bad shots, and that the rocess of getting the correct range was rather slow. The fact is just the opposite. The method by which of late years, taking example from the Germans, we have incalculably improved our artillery practice, lepends on the firing of at least those two shots—one over, one under. Indeed, as I shall explain presently, a gunner would on reading such reports be a little tempted to think that the battery commanders had been rather overanxious to think that they had obtained the range before they had really done so. A battery commander is exceptionally lucky if he gets the range by two trial shots. These he does not fire with the deadly "time" fuze which makes his shell burst at the point he wishes in the air, but only with a "percussion fuse," as it is called—that is to say, with one that makes his shell burst only when it strikes

it is called—that is to say, with one that makes his shell burst only when it strikes the ground. As I am quite sure from reading the various reports that the deadly efficiency of our artillery in its practice as compared with the Boer artillery, despite their much longer range of weapons, has been due to the Boers being ignorant of our methods, it may interest many readers to understand them.

There is very little difficulty for artillery to lay their guns accurately in polat of direction right and left. Our instruments are so fine that that can be easily accomplished. The difficulty is to prevent the guns from shooting too short or too long, as it will be observed that both the Boer artillery and the "machine guns," which are practically a number of infantry barrels placed together so as to deliver by mechanical means a vast volume of infantry fire, did at Modder Sprus. When a shrapnel shell burst in the air, or when a shell that does not burst is fired into the middle of a town, it is excessively difficult for the observer some thousands of yards away from the object to know whether it has been a good shot or a quite ineffective one. It has been calculated that the Boers, by an expenditure of little short of 3,000 shells on Ladysmith, many of the shells beby an expenditure of little short of 3,000 shells on Ladysmith, many of the shells beshells on Ladysmith, many of the shells being large, heavy and costly, have succeeded in killing eight men. Obviously for war
purposes artillery would be a very lnefncient instrument if that represented its
best work. Yet substantially when the
great change took place which multiplied
more than twenty-fold the effective range
of the guns at Waterloo, that was the kind
of practice which we were carrying on. of practice which we were carrying on.
In those days we had no practice ground
for artillery such as we have now at Okehampton and in other places. The Germans had practice grounds connected with
every garrison town in the country. There
they, having made a horrible mess of their
artillery work during a war with Austria
in 1891 set themselves to improve their artillery work during a war with Austria in 1863, set themselves to improve their practice. They gradually arrived at the following method. Though, when a sheit bursts in air you cannot tell whether it has been fired effectually or quite uselessly, you can get certain indications from a shell which bursts on the ground, such as enable you to know whether it has gone under or over the object at which you aim. Thus the shell raises a certain amount of dust and smoke, and if you see that the object is partly obscured by this you may be pretty sure that your shell has fallen short. If, on the contrary, you see the object standing out clear, and the dust behind it, you know that your shell has gone beyond the object.

beyond the object.
Suppose, then, that I estimate the range at 3,200 yards. I want to be quite sure of seeing that I don't fire over the object, because if I do, not only will my shot be useless, but I shall have no means of correcting it. Therefore, at first I fire at 3,100, and if I find that my shot is short, I fire a second round, say, 3,300, in order to go beyond the object. If I see that my shot does go over, I am satisfied that I have established what is called "a long bracket." beyond the object. tablished what is called "a long bracket;" that is to say, I have found two ranges, 300 ards apart, between which the object must yards apart, between which the object must lie. It does not, however, follow that it lies exactly midway between them, and it is very probable, in fact almost certain, that it will be better to get two shots nearer together within which the target must still certainly lie. I therefore fire another shot to shorten the distance within which I can then know that the target must be. This we call on the same principle as the other, "a short bracket." I try then to fire a shot actually at the object, and if I seem to get ectually at the object, and if I seem to get very close to it, I am satisfied that I have the range.

Even then, however, my work is only half done before I can fire with effect. Hitherto I have not tried at all to get the correct "setting" of the fuse which will make the shell burst in air at the right point. It was necessary first to make sure of the range, but I want, in order that the bullets may scatter properly on the target, to make one or two experiments to insure that the fuse will burst the shell in front of the troops at which I aim and burst it neither too high nor too low, too near nor too far. It high nor too low, too near nor too far. It is only when I have made all these tria shots that I know that the battery is really ready to bring an effective fire on the enemy. Day after day, and almost all day ong, our batteries at home have be long, our batteries at home have been going through the dreary drudgery that is necessary for the perfecting of the mechanism of this system. Year after year they have gone down to carry out the practice very perfectly at Okehampton, or very imperfectly at Shoeburyness, while the Irish batteries have had their own practice grounds, and the batteries in the north theirs.

theirs.

That is why, despite the fact that, as this campaign has shown, though it was well known before, they require a new gun, they have yet, gun for gun, defeated the Boers where yet, the conditions whenever the conditions admitted of their getting within range of them. That is wh the Boers have not been able to make Ladysmith untenable; while, as Lord Mc Ladysmith untenable; while, as Lord Methuen has declared, it was the fire of our artillery that made the capture of the Molder position possible. From another point of view, it is interesting to note that the commander with his whole battery, in order to produce a decisive result, has, under the excitement of action and the bewildering effect of the enemy's fire, to carry out on the field of battle the trained habit of the practice ground. It is in this respect that our artillery has proved itself so superior to the Boers, despite the heavy nature of the guns they have dragged into the field.

The Anniversary of the Savior's Birth Duly Observed.

Many Congregations Had Special

Programs Yesterday - Handsome and Appropriate Decorations

The religious services in the churches

vas a principal feature of the celebration of Christmas in this city. As Sunday this year preceded this great religious anniversary in many of the churches the event was observed yesterday with elaborate music in most instances, and in all cases the theme of the pulpit discourse was based upon the central thought of the day. The spirit of the season, however, was feit even in the denominations where the more formal celebration was deferred until today, so that yesterday this notable festival of the Christian world was uppermost in the thoughts of all. Today, however, especially in the Catholic and Episcopa especially in the Catholic and Episcopal churches, the festival was observed with all the richness and effectiveness of the rituals of those denominations, and the programs of music prepared for the occasion as the result of many weeks of training were rendered, increasing the spirit of devotion which so much of the music of this character expresses.

Special services were also held this morning in some of the Lutheran churches and also in some of other denominations, but, as stated, most of the congregations observed yesterday.

At the Franciscan monastery in Brook

#### Midnight Services.

land and at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Mount Pleasant midnight services were held last night, and as another Christmas day was ushered in the worshipers bent in prayer or had voiced for them in song the joy of the natal day of the Savior of the world. In religious circles the observance of Christmas has this year the observance of Christmas has this year extended over two days, and in no respect can it be said this period in the calendar of the churches has been allowed to pass without the display of that reverence which has been associated with this event from the earliest times. In the Catholic churches of the city this morning two services were held, as a rule, while in the Episcopal churches the early morning service was also followed by a later one. Communion was celebrated in the Episcopal churches, while in the edifices where copal churches, while in the edifices where copal churches, while in the edifices where the Catholics gathered solemn high mass was sung. The large attendance testilled to the general regard for the anniversary occasion and its religio

#### Decorations of Great Beauty. The decorations of the churches were in ure being exceeded in elaborateness only at the Easter season. The Christmas greens and holy emblems predominated, this material lending itself so effectively

to the skill of the decorator that the re-sult is pleasing, and at the same time con-tributes to the holiday features of the sea-son. The brilliant red poinsetta flashed and glowed amid the wreaths and garlands of Christmas greens.

The sacred edifices were decked in the gala garh of the season, the services were gala garb of the season, the services were enriched by the most celebrated musical compositions of the masters of all ages, while the sermons again repeated to large and devout congregations the lesson of the hour and told the story of the great event in Christianity.

## NEARLY THREE BLOCKS BURNED.

in Christianity.

Heavy Loss by Fire at Hastings, Minn., This Morning. HASTINGS, Minn., December 25.—Nearly three blocks of buildings in the business portion of the town were burned early today, with a loss of about \$200,000. The fire broke out in R. C. Libby & Co.'s saw mill, evidently the work of an incendiary, and he entire plant, with storehouses, lumber

office, sheds, etc., were consumed. Most of the buildings burned were only partially insured, and the loss upon the wners will fall heavily. The firemen enowners will fall heavily. The firemen engaged in a desperate battle to keep the fire from passing across Vermillion street, but sparks set fire to the roofs of the court house, the Church of Guardian Angels and other costly structures and residences, but were extinguished with little damage. The city seeming in imminent danger, Mayor Bisch wired the mayor of St. Paul for aid, and as soon as possible two steamers and and as soon as possible two steamers and supply wagons were sent down, which ma-terially aided in subduing the flames. Many people are thrown out of employment and others are rendered homeless.

Rifled a Mail Pouch. CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 25.-The police are hard at work today trying to States mail pouch filled with outgoing mail. The bag was either taken from a mail wagon or from the union station. It was found on the street, empty, by a policeman room on an upper floor at No. 32 Bank street had been used to examine the stole mail. The floor was littered with open-etters and other evidence that showed the letters and other evidence that showed the abstracted letters had been thoroughly rifled. It is not known how much booty the thieves obtained or how they obtained the pouch. John Carroll has been arrested on suspicion. The police think he was concerned in the robbery.

#### Personal Mention. Mr. George I. Motz of the Alabama com-

mission to Paris exposition is in the city for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Benet of this city are booked to sail for Europe on the St. Paul, which will leave New York next Wednes-

## Canadian Girl Must Die.

The dominion authorities have had the case of Hilda Blake of Brandon, Manitoba, domestic, who killed her mistress, before them, and have decided to let the law take its course. The girl, who is only twenty-two years of age, will be hanged December

#### A Board of Survey. A board of survey to consist of Cantain

everett H. Walker, 4th Artillery, has been constituted at Fort Washington, Md., to fix the price at which certain articles in the quartermaster's department—deserters' clothing—should be issued. Roberts Losing Ground.

# Roberts Losing Ground. From the Philadelphis Press. The position of Brigham H. Roberts of Utah before the country today is distinctly weaker than it was the day Congress assembled and he was refused a seat. The whole course of the investigation into his case and his manner of conducting himself has tended to deprive him of what little sympathy he had when he first appeared in Washington. And, so far as known, there is not a newspaper voice raised in his defense outside of Utah.

Enlightenment for Mabini.

From the Providence Journal. From the Providence Journal.

Since Mabini has come within our lines it may be that he has had an opportunity hitherto denied him to study our methods and become acquainted with our desires. He cannot fail to be impressed with our wish to raise his people to a higher level and to give them a greater liberty than Aguinaldo could ever bestow. Under the American flag property will be safe, ecclesiastical freedom assured and education and commerce promoted. A just and liband commerce promoted. A just and lib eral government will be enjoyed by al classes in the population, and the old day of oppression and corruption will be past So long as there is a wholesome public sen iment at home there will be good government in the Philippines.

#### A Pertinent Question. From the Atlanta Journal.

What has become of Dreyfus?

Giving Him a Lift. From Pearson's Weekly.

"I am now," said the barman, as he tool the seedy gentleman by the collar, "going the seedy gentleman by the collar, going to kick you down the street."
"If you please," said the seedy gentle-man, resignedly, "would it be any more trouble to kick me up the street, as that is the direction in which I am going?"

# SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES THE MAINE'S DEAD

Arrangements for Interment of the Remains at Arlington.

# FULL MILITARY HONORS TO BE GIVEN

List of Those Who Have Been Claimed by Relatives.

TEXAS AT HAMPTON ROADS

Arrangements have nearly been completed for the interment of the remains of the Maine's dead at Arlington cemetery next Thursday, at 11 o'clock. The interment will be conducted with full military honors in the presence of the President, and cabinet and distinguished officers of the army and navy. Capt. Sigsbee, commanding the Texas, who was in command of the Maine at the time of her destruction, will be a prominent figure at the ceremonies. Thap-lain Chidwick, who was also attached to the Maine when she was destroyed, and who superintended the interment of the dead at Havana, will perform the funeral rites at the reinterment at Arlington, as-sisted by the chaplain of the Naval Academy. Assistant Secretary Allen of the Navy Department, who was charged with that duty, has selected as a site for the ast resting place of the Maine dead a beautiful grassy knoll, just this side of where the Santiago dead are buried.

#### Texas at Rampton Roads.

The battle ship Texas has arrived at Hampton Roads, with the remains and they will be brought to Washington over the Chesapeake and Ohio railway. They will be taken direct to Rosslyn station, and from there transferred to Arlington cometery. In accordance with an arrangement made at the Navy Départment, twenty-two of the bodies will be turned over to rela-tives and friends for private interment. The following is a list of the dead who have been claimed for private interment, the second name in each case being that of the person claiming the remains, and his or her address: er address

person claiming the remains, and his or her address:

James T. Brown. Mrs. Sarah F. Brown. 502 West 47th street. New York: James Boyle. Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle. 559 West 51st street. New York city; Patrick F. Butler, T. J. Butler, Walsh's morgue. North 4th street, Harrison, N. J.: William Cosgrove, E. P. Cosgrove, Wilkesbarre, Pa.: Patrick Gaffney, Joan Gaffney, 166 Pearl street, Malden. Mass.; James A. Graham. Mrs. E. J. Graham. 261 West 130th street, New York city; Charles Hauck, J. Schlitz, 5062 Moore street, Brooklyn, N. Y.: Frederick C. Halzer, Albert J. Halzer, 1541 Avenue A. New York city; Charles F. Just, Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, 22 Jasper street, Charleston, S. C.; Frederick H. Kniese, Mrs. M. Small, 324 North Gilmore street, Baltimore, Md.; Harry Keys, Mrs. Tillle P. Truner, care Frank A. Blanchard, Indianapolls, Ind.; Matthew Lynch, Mrs. Belle Kennedy, 18 Carpenter street, Providence, R. I.: Samuel Lees, Samuel Lees, T. West 116th street, New York city; Eldon H. Mero, Albert S. Beers, 1596 North 22d street, Philadelphia; Elmer M. Meilstrup, James S. Meilstrup, West Bay, Mich.; John J. McManus, James McManus, Atlantic, Iowa; William Noble, Mrs. Jane N. Powers, 313 East 27th street, New Jane N. Powers, 313 East 27th street, New Jane N. Powers, 313 East 27th street, New Bay, Mich.; John J. McManus, James Mc-Menus, Atlantic, Iowa; William Noble, Mrs. Jane N. Powers, 313 East 27th street, New York city; Charles A. Scott, A. J. Scott, Freeport, Nassau county, N. Y.; John A. Shea, Mrs. Ellen Shea, I Catherine street, New York city; W. H. Tinsman, Mrs. W. L. Harris, 80 Wilson street, Portland, Me.; John Ziegler, Louise Ziegler, New Bruns-wick Depot, Stelton, N. J.

#### The Unclaimed Dead.

All the unclaimed and unidentified dead will be given henored burisl in the National cometery at Arlington. In explaining the action of the department, Assistant Se

tary Allen said: "It is the desire of Secretary Long that the wishes of all the relatives of those who died on the Maine to give them a private purial be complied with, and Chaplain Chid-wick who superintended the disinterment of the bodies, was instructed to prepare lists of the identified remains in ord might be done. There are 166 caskets, and might be done. There are life caskets, and many of them contain bodies which have been identified and will be sent to those claiming them. The unidentified and unclaimed bodies will be buried at Arlington, and the graves of those identified will be marked by headstones.

SPANISH PRISONERS.

An Officer to Care for Them in the The Spanish government has detailed an officer, Capt. Cuero, of the Spanish navy to see to the care of Spanish prisoners in the Philippines and to make provision for

heir immediate release and transportation Spain. Capt. Cuero was instructed by his government, before leaving Spain, to arrange with Agoncillo, head of the Fliipino junta in Paris, for safe conduct through the in-

Sentences by Court-Martial. Private John A. Wilkinson, Battery D. th Artillery, having been tried by a courtmartial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, was sentenced to forfeit to the United States \$7 of his pay. Private Richard J. Finn, Light Battery M, 7th Artillery, having been tried by a court-martial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of fraudulent enlistment, was se tenced to be dishonorably discharged the

pay and allowances due, and to be confined at hard labor at such place as the review-ing authority may designate for the period of six months. ing authority may designate for the period of six months. Private Joseph A. Gahagan, Troop H, 3d Cavalry, having been tried by a court-martial convened at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, was sen-tenced to forfeit to the United States \$1 of

his pay.

Private Frederick J. Bennett, Light Bat-Private Frederick J. Bennett, Light Bat-tery M., 7th Artillery, having been tried by a general court-martial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of conduct to the preju-dice of good order and military discipline, evidence of five previous convictions having home considered was sentenced to be conbeen considered, was sentenced to be con-fined at hard labor, under charge of the post guard, for the period of six months, and to forfeit to the United States \$10 of and to forfelt to the United States \$10 of his pay per month during the same period. Private John Knorr, Troop I, 3d Cavalry, having been tried by a court-martial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of violation of the total article of war, evidence of five previous convictions having been considered, was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances due, and to be confined at hard labor at such place as the reviewing authority may designate

## as the reviewing authority may designate for the period of three months. The sentence in each case was approved by the department commander. To Visit Seaconst Forts.

Under authority of the Secretary of War Captain George L. Anderson, 7th Artillery, vill visit all the seacoast forts in the De partment of the East which have modern partment of the East which have modern armament, to inspect the electrical plant and appliance and the personnel in immedi-ate charge of the electrical equipment. Complete and detailed reports of these in-spections will be made soon. Captain An-derson will begin his inspection at Portland, Me. proceeding thence southward to the artillery posts in succession.

#### Death of Private O'Connell. Private Joseph T. O'Connell, a member of Siege Battery O, 7th Artillery, stationed at

Washington barracks, died at the post hospital Friday morning from typhoid fever. His remains were removed to his old home at Mar'boro', Mass, for interment.

#### Panorama Building Leased. M. Parker, real estate broker, has

leased the Panorama building, on 15th street near Ohio avenue, to the Electric Vehicle and Transportation Company, a concern which handles the electric convey-ances made by the Pope company.